CLAIM AMENDMENTS

The following is a detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application. A status identifier is provided for every claim and the current text of every claim is presented, unless the claim has been cancelled or withdrawn. Current amendments to the claims are expressed in the detailed listing by strikethrough (for deleted matter) or underlining (for added matter).

Claims 1 – 33 (Cancelled)

34. (Previously Presented)   A method, comprising:

establishing an agreement with an expert, wherein the agreement specifies a periodic compensation amount that the expert will receive in exchange for providing a minimum number of diagnoses during a time period, the agreement being unassociated with any particular patient at the time of being established;

transmitting, electronically and during the time period, a plurality of requests to the expert, wherein each request comprises a request for a diagnosis of a physiological anomaly associated with a patient;

receiving, from the expert, a response to each of the requests;

receiving, for each response that is an acceptance of the request, the diagnosis for the patient of the request; and

causing the compensation amount to be provided to the expert if, at the end of the time period, it is determined that the expert has provided the minimum number of diagnoses during the time period.

35. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 34, further comprising:

selecting the expert from a plurality of remote experts based on a received anomaly and the agreement.

36. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 34, further comprising:

causing a reduced compensation amount to be provided to the expert if, at the end of the time period, it is determined that the expert has not provided the minimum number of diagnoses during the time period.

37. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 34, further comprising:

causing the compensation amount to be withheld from the expert if, at the end of the time period, it is determined that the expert has not provided the minimum number of diagnoses during the time period.

38. (Original)   The method of claim 34, further comprising:

incrementing a stored number of diagnoses provided by the expert during the time period when the diagnosis is received.

39. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 38, further comprising:

determining that the diagnosis provided is associated with at least one factor that indicates a complication in providing the diagnosis; and

incrementing the stored number of diagnoses by an additional amount based on the at least one factor.

40. (Original)   The method of claim 39, wherein the at least one factor that indicates a complication in providing the diagnosis comprises at least one of:

(i)   a greater than average complexity in the anomaly,

(ii)   a greater than average amount of time required to provide the diagnosis,

(iii)   an indication that the expert communicated directly with the patient; and

(iv)   an indication that the patient's life was saved due to the diagnosis.

41. (Original)   The method of claim 40, further comprising:

providing to the expert, at least once during the time period, an indication of a current number of diagnoses provided.

42. (Previously Presented)   A method, comprising:

establishing an agreement with an entity, wherein the entity agrees to continuously monitor physiological parameters through at least one telemetry device in exchange for compensation;

wearing the at least one telemetry device during regular daily activities;

receiving an indication from the entity that an anomaly has occurred in at least one of the physiological parameters, the anomaly having been automatically analyzed by a computing device and an expert selected and contacted by the computing device based on the analysis; and

receiving a diagnosis based on the anomaly, the diagnosis being based on an opinion of at least one expert contacted by the entity in response to a detection of the anomaly.

43. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 41 42, wherein the step of receiving a diagnosis comprises:

receiving a diagnosis based on the anomaly, wherein the diagnosis includes at least one instruction regarding an action to be taken in accordance with the diagnosis.

44. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 43, wherein the action to be taken comprises:

an action to be taken by the entity.

45. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 43, wherein the at least one instruction comprises:

an instruction to take a medication.

46 – 49 (Cancelled)

50. (Previously Presented)   An apparatus comprising:

a storage device; and

a processor connected to the storage device,

the storage device storing a program for controlling the processor; and

the processor operative with the program to:

establish an agreement with an expert, wherein the agreement specifies a periodic compensation amount that the expert will receive in exchange for providing a minimum number of diagnoses during a time period, the agreement being unassociated with any particular patient at the time of being established;

transmit, electronically and during the time period, a plurality of requests to the expert, wherein each request comprises a request for a diagnosis of a physiological anomaly associated with a patient;

receive, from the expert, a response to each of the requests;

receive, for each response that is an acceptance of the request, the diagnosis for the patient of the request; and

cause the compensation amount to be provided to the expert if, at the end of the time period, it is determined that the expert has provided the minimum number of diagnoses during the time period.

51. (Previously Presented)   A computer readable medium encoded with processing instructions for implementing a method, the method comprising the steps of:

establishing an agreement with an expert, wherein the agreement specifies a periodic compensation amount that the expert will receive in exchange for providing a minimum number of diagnoses during a time period, the agreement being unassociated with any particular patient at the time of being established;

transmitting, electronically and during the time period, a plurality of requests to the expert, wherein each request comprises a request for a diagnosis of a physiological anomaly associated with a patient;

receiving, from the expert, a response to each of the requests;

receiving, for each response that is an acceptance of the request, the diagnosis for the patient of the request; and

causing the compensation amount to be provided to the expert if, at the end of the time period, it is determined that the expert has provided the minimum number of diagnoses during the time period.

52. (Previously Presented)   A method, comprising:

establishing an agreement with an expert, wherein the agreement specifies a periodic compensation amount that the expert will receive in exchange for electronically providing a minimum number of diagnoses during a time period, the agreement being unassociated with any particular patient at the time of being established; and

causing the compensation amount to be provided to the expert if, at the end of the time period, it is determined that the expert has provided the minimum number of diagnoses during the time period.

53. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 52, wherein the diagnoses comprise diagnoses for patients who are remote from the expert and whose physiological parameters are being monitored by a remote monitoring system that facilitates the agreement.

54. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 34, wherein each request is transmitted after a computing device automatically analyzes a detected anomaly in a physiological parameter of the patient, the anomaly being detected based on a signal received from a telemetry device being worn by the patient.

55. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 54, further comprising:
        determining, by the computing device and based on the analysis of the detected anomaly, that a diagnosis from an expert is required; and
        selecting at least one expert to provide the diagnosis.

56. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 42, wherein the diagnosis is received in response to a request for a diagnosis transmitted from the entity to the expert,
        the request being transmitted after a computing device automatically analyzes a detected anomaly in a physiological parameter of the patient, the anomaly being detected based on a signal received from a telemetry device being worn by the patient.

57.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 52, wherein each diagnosis is to be provided in response to a request for a diagnosis, each request being transmitted after a computing device automatically analyzes a detected anomaly in a physiological parameter of the patient, the anomaly being detected based on a signal received from a telemetry device being worn by the patient.